

the level of determination and self-sacrifice we all need to be prepared to have during those times when those we care about need us.

Madam Speaker, I'd like to thank Christopher Taylor for reminding us all what it means to stand up for those you care about with all you have. He is a hero to his family, to me, and to the entire Galesburg community and I will not soon forget this lesson he's given me.

#### HONORING TWENTY-TWO TEACHERS OF THE GREATER BOCA RATON AREA

### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 12, 2021*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the twenty-two outstanding teachers in South Florida who have been awarded the Teacher of the Year award for 2021 from the Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise.

For more than thirty years, the Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise has offered this annual distinction to one teacher at each of the twenty-two schools in the greater Boca Raton area. Each awardee is selected by the school's principal. These teachers have dedicated their time to inspiring, empowering, and bettering the next generation of youth in our community. Their passion in this effort is truly worthy of our recognition.

These twenty-two exemplary teachers have made a profound impact on their students through their caring, commitment, and professionalism. They are a cohort defined by integrity, excellence, and the highest marks in all they do. The City of Boca Raton is fortunate to have such outstanding faculty.

Congratulations to Robin Barkes, Lauren Jones, Jobi Bailey, Rebecca Santolin, Meghan Urbaniuk, Jamie Kshonz, Elizabeth Lean, Kelly Urbano, Thomas Simone, Allison Nelson, Alana Copeland, Sarah Fulk, Diane Scala, Marta Sjoval, Amy Brookes, Jaqueline Steinberg, Rachel Ostrow, Rhonda Falk, Cathy Archer, Christina Feraco, Holly Kline, and Cheryl Sollin on being nominated for this year's Teacher of the Year award.

I am pleased to honor them, and I thank them for their continued service.

#### JORDAN STREMEL

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 12, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jordan Stremel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Jordan Stremel is a student at Excel Academy and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jordan Stremel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jordan Stremel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### RECOGNIZING TAMPA'S HEALTH CARE HERO, HEDDIE SUMPTER, IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 12, 2021*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, this Black History Month, I am celebrating Tampa's health care heroes. I rise today in immense gratitude of a life of service led by Heddie Sumpter, whose contributions of her time and talents are a living example of selfless service to others. Born in 1955 in Donalsonville, GA, and raised in Detroit, MI, where her family worked in the automotive industry, Heddie moved to Tampa, FL, in the 1970s to attend the University of South Florida. She was the first of her 13 siblings to attend college. She completed her associate's degree in management information systems.

After a short stint back in Detroit, Ms. Sumpter returned to Tampa with her daughter in the 1980s to stay with her grandmother during her remaining years of life. Sadly, her grandmother succumbed to lung cancer in 1989, but this moment opened a new chapter in Ms. Sumpter's life and for the next 30 years she would dedicate herself to educating our African American population about preventing cancer, available resources and reducing health disparities through her tireless volunteering with the American Cancer Society.

Ms. Sumpter's work through the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network spans lobbying lawmakers in Tallahassee, FL as well as Washington, D.C.; fundraising; awareness about economic and cultural barriers to access to care and resources; and helping to ensure communities of color are included in the massive, decennial Cancer Prevention Study, which has had findings with global implications, such as establishing the link between cigarettes and the risk of lung cancer. Ms. Sumpter has been appointed to numerous committees of the American Cancer Society at the federal, state and local levels, and in 2019 she received the American Cancer Society Volunteer Leadership Award, presented to her in Dallas, TX, after a competitive nomination process. The expertise she has gained has led her to become an outspoken advocate of improved health in other areas. I will always be grateful to her for standing with me to champion the Affordable Care Act so that more Americans could have access to affordable health care, and not be discriminated against if they have a pre-existing condition. As a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she serves as its national liaison to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as well as March of Dimes, and has been instrumental in forging a national partnership between the Deltas and the American Cancer Society. In addition, she has served as chair for the Board of Directors for the Corporation to Develop Communities (CDC) of Tampa, Inc.

and chair of the Hillsborough County Community Action Board, both which aim to lift communities.

Ms. Sumpter now works at her alma mater, the University of South Florida, where she has also dedicated more than three decades, starting at the Office of the Registrar, then at the Colleges of Engineering and Business, and now at the College of The Arts as a human resources administrator. Ms. Sumpter is an outstanding reminder that hard work and service to others always lead to progress.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation and the Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize the service and leadership of Heddie Sumpter, and her lifetime dedicated to the cause, which inspires us all.

#### IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE JOHN DANIEL ALLEN

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 12, 2021*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations to a great friend and servant of humankind, John D. Allen, the former Chief Judge of the Chattahoochee Circuit of the Third Superior Court District of Georgia.

Judge Allen was recently inducted into the 2020 Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 3, 2021, in John's Creek, Georgia.

Judge Allen was born on January 17, 1943, in segregated Columbus, Georgia. It seemed like all the odds were against him of one day becoming a Superior Court Judge. Despite the lack of black role models in the law as he was growing up, Judge Allen kept education as his main priority. He graduated from Tuskegee University in 1966 with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. A distinguished cadet in the ROTC, Judge Allen was commissioned into the Air Force in 1966 as a 2nd Lieutenant Pilot. He completed Advanced Survival Training in 1967, and he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant/Tactical Fighter Pilot in 1968. Upon completion, he was assigned to Southeast Asia and flew 167 combat missions while stationed in Thailand. After promotions to Tactical Aircraft Commander, then to Captain, Judge Allen flew another 127 combat missions in Southeast Asia before returning to Tampa, Florida, and serving as an academic and flight instructor until his discharge in July of 1973. He left the Air Force as a highly decorated pilot, earning 23 Air Medals, 2 Air Force Commendation Medals, and numerous other awards for his service during the Vietnam War.

In 1975, Judge Allen earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Florida. He was admitted to the Georgia bar in 1976. From 1976 to 1987, he maintained a private law practice in the Columbus area. At that time, Judge Allen and I were two of only four black lawyers in Columbus.

Judge Allen continued to break barriers when he began serving as a Columbus Recorder's Court judge for a year before assuming a position on the State Court for Muscogee County in 1987. In 1993, he was appointed to the position of Chattahoochee